

Bible Stories for Young Children

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GOD'S ARMY OF ANGELS

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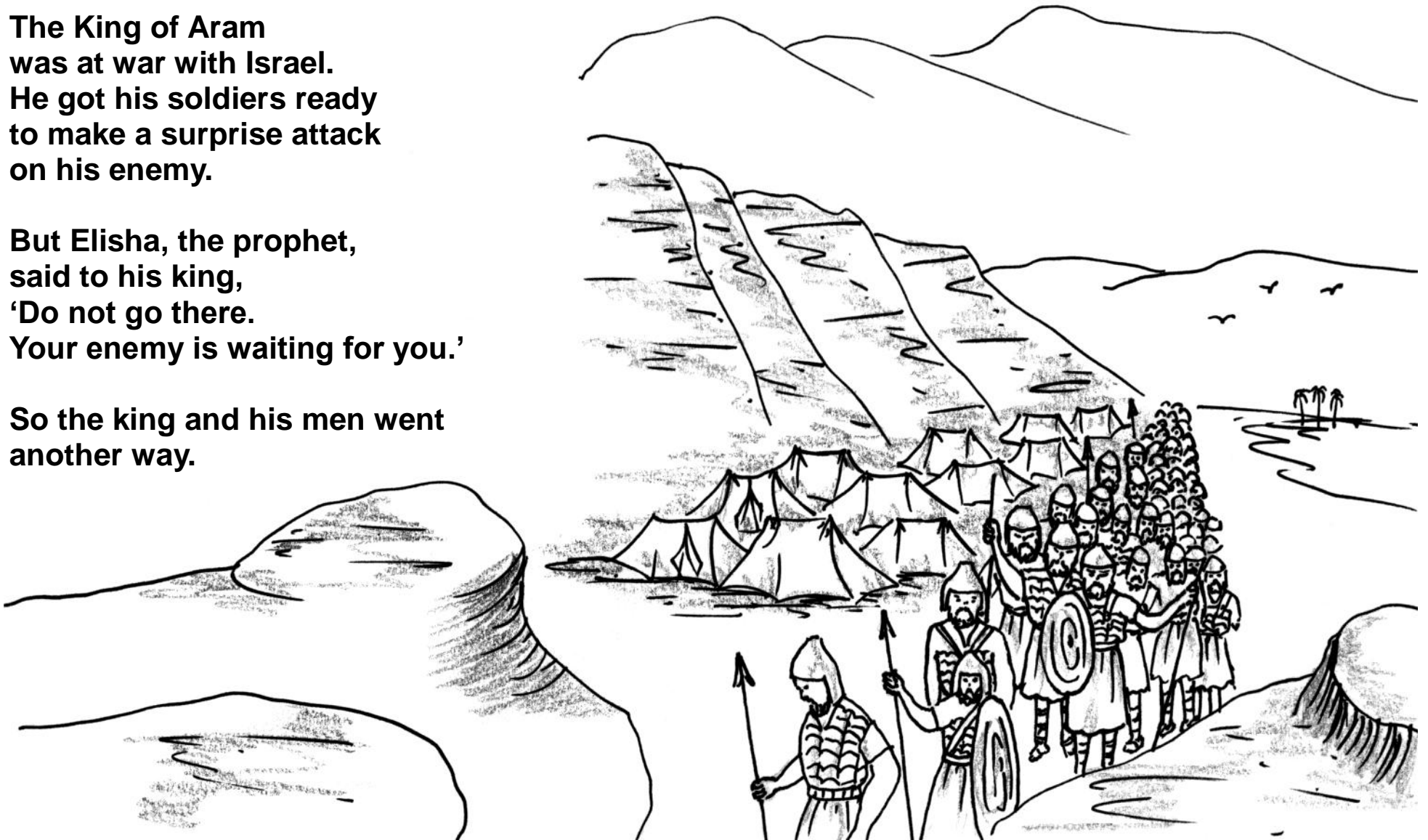
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**The King of Aram
was at war with Israel.
He got his soldiers ready
to make a surprise attack
on his enemy.**

**But Elisha, the prophet,
said to his king,
'Do not go there.
Your enemy is waiting for you.'**

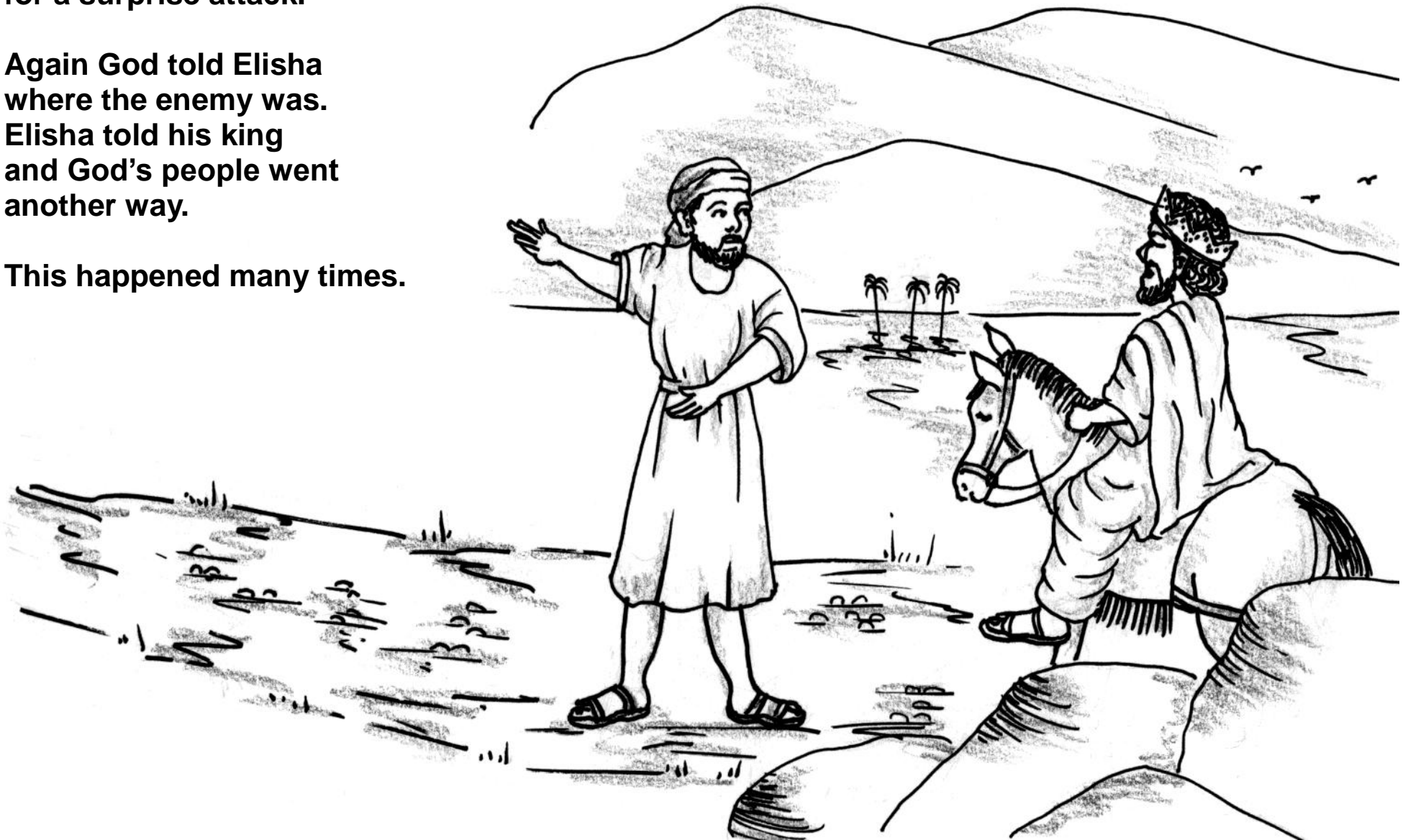
**So the king and his men went
another way.**



**The king of Aram
got his soldiers ready again
for a surprise attack.**

**Again God told Elisha
where the enemy was.
Elisha told his king
and God's people went
another way.**

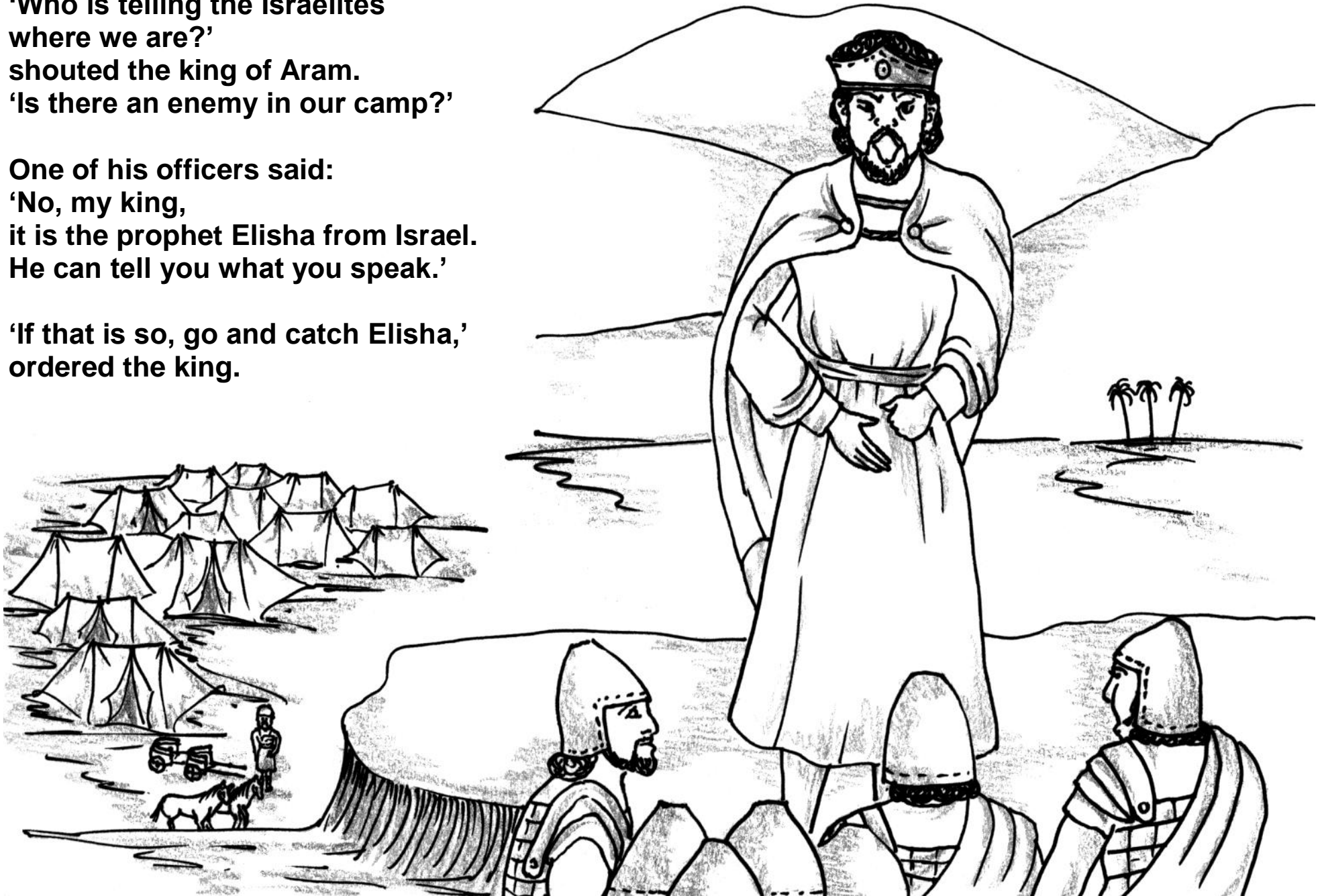
This happened many times.



**'Who is telling the Israelites
where we are?'
shouted the king of Aram.
'Is there an enemy in our camp?'**

**One of his officers said:
'No, my king,
it is the prophet Elisha from Israel.
He can tell you what you speak.'**

**'If that is so, go and catch Elisha,'
ordered the king.**

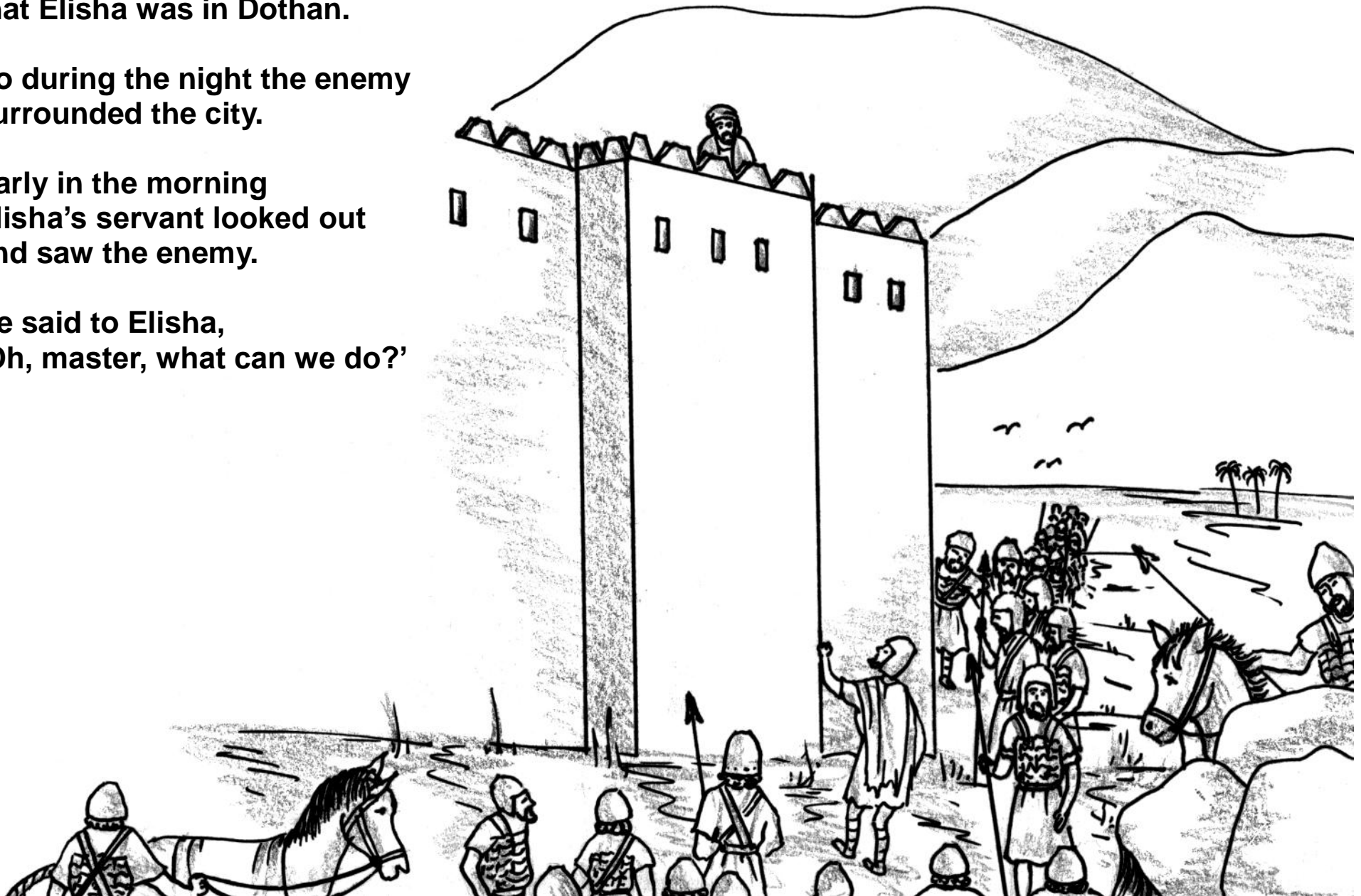


The spies found out
that Elisha was in Dothan.

So during the night the enemy
surrounded the city.

Early in the morning
Elisha's servant looked out
and saw the enemy.

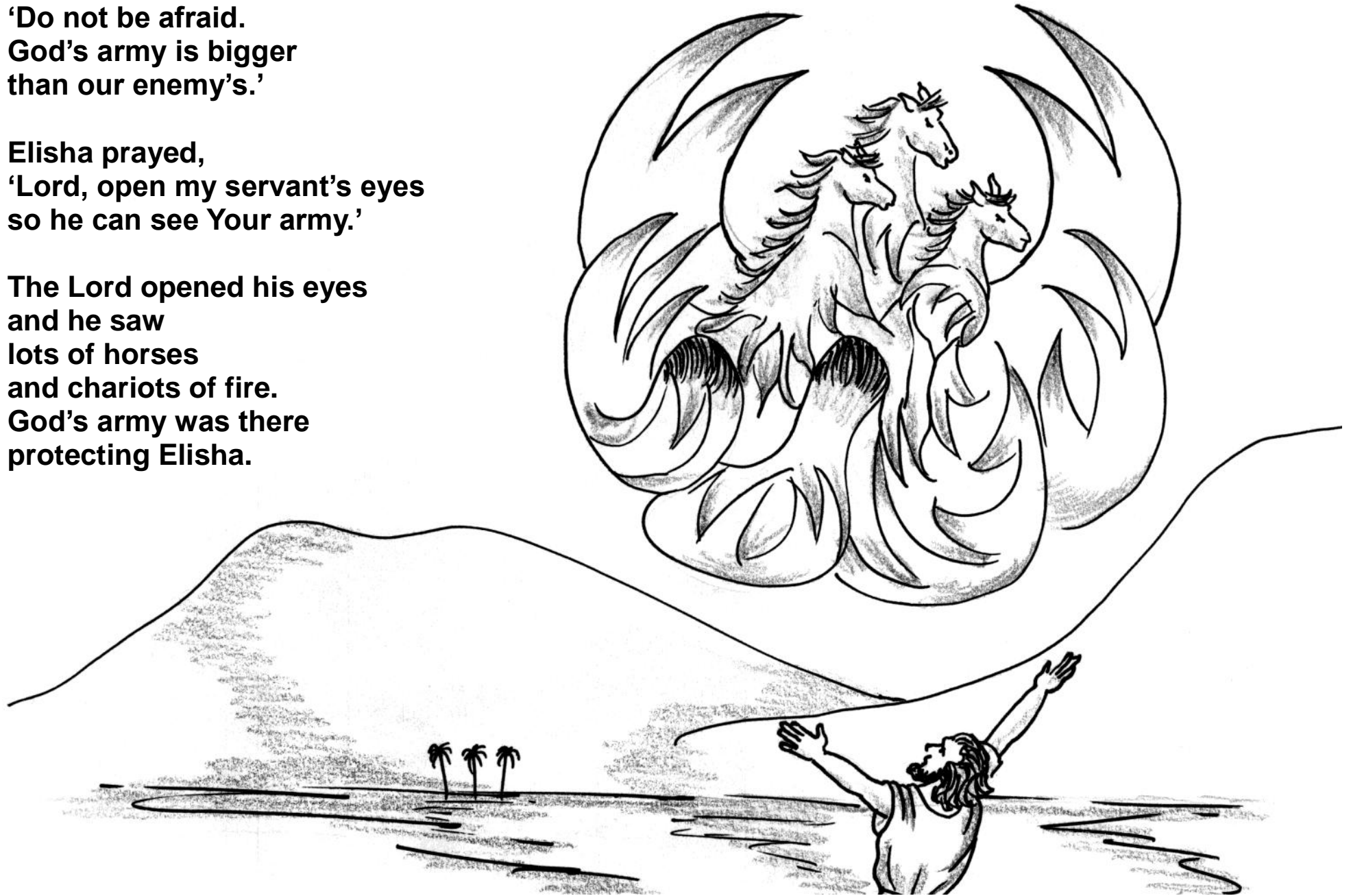
He said to Elisha,
'Oh, master, what can we do?'



**Elisha replied,
'Do not be afraid.
God's army is bigger
than our enemy's.'**

**Elisha prayed,
'Lord, open my servant's eyes
so he can see Your army.'**

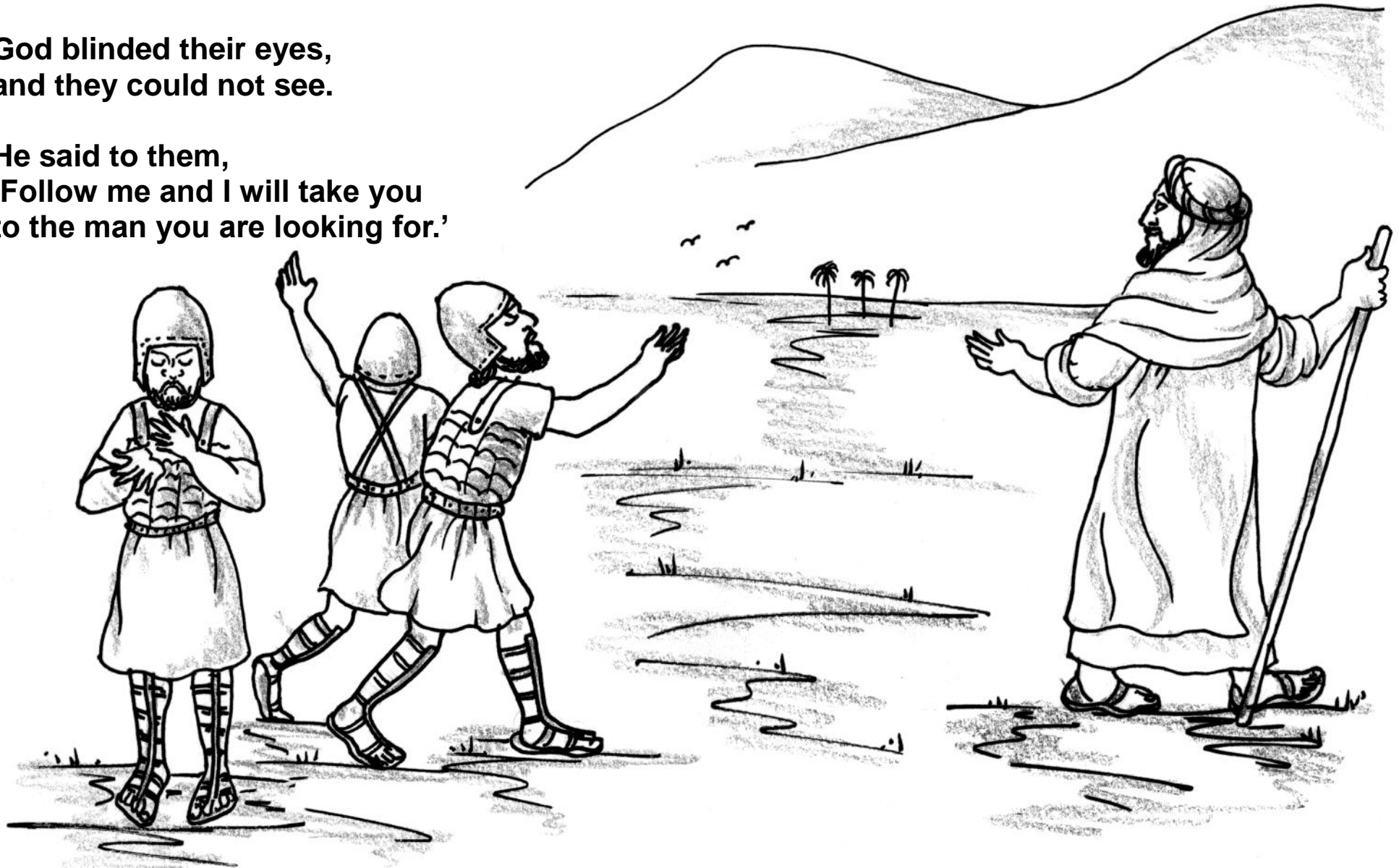
**The Lord opened his eyes
and he saw
lots of horses
and chariots of fire.
God's army was there
protecting Elisha.**



**When the enemy attacked,
Elisha prayed,
'Lord make these people blind.'**

**God blinded their eyes,
and they could not see.**

**He said to them,
'Follow me and I will take you
to the man you are looking for.'**

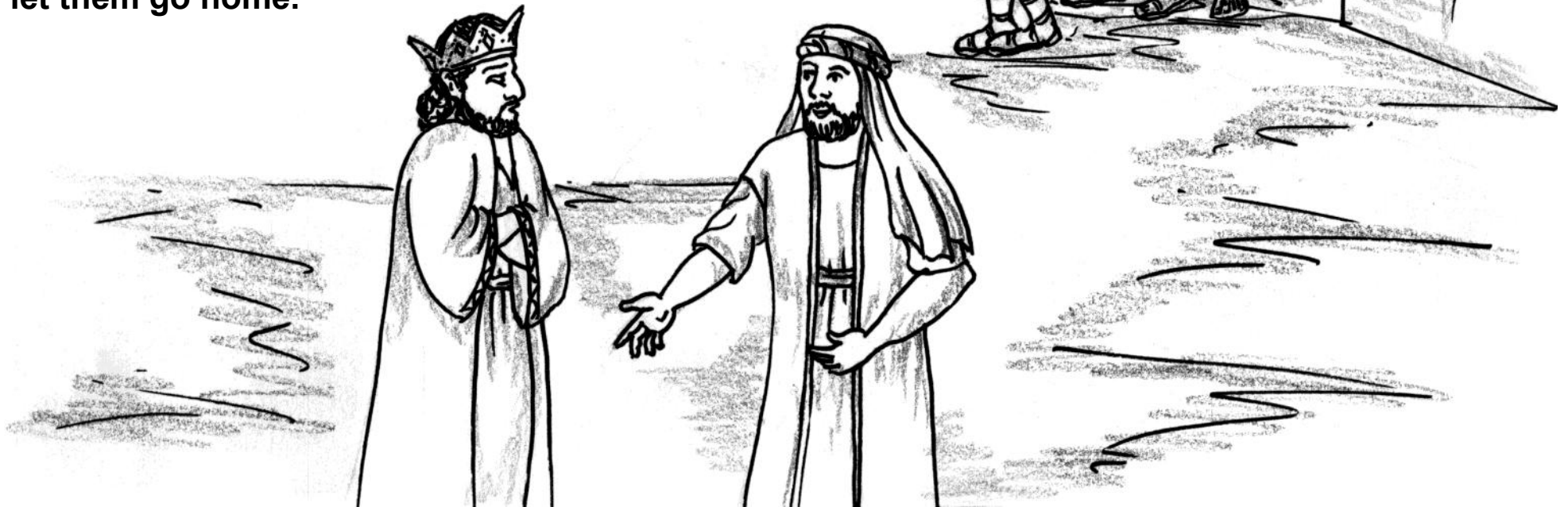


**Elisha lead the enemy to Samaria
where his king was.
Then he asked the Lord to
open their eyes.**

**When the enemy saw that
they had been taken into Samaria
they were afraid.**

Israel's king wondered what to do.

**Elisha said,
'Do not kill them.
Give them a feast and
let them go home.'**



**The soldiers ate the food
and went home to their masters.**

***God had protected His people,
showing them again that
He was God, their Father,
and wanted them to trust Him.***

***He had also shown Israel's enemies
that they did not need to fight.***

***Israel's God
looked after other nations
as well as Israel.***

